

Kansas Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted In the Line of Duty

Annual Report



2015

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty 2015



Officer

Michael R. Kern

Olathe Police Department

End of Watch: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Age: 43
 Tour: 16 years
 Badge #: 704
 Cause: Heart Attack
 Incident Date: 1/20/2015
 Weapon: None
 Suspect: N/A

Traffic Motor Officer Michael Kern, 43, collapsed while detailing his motorcycle for President Barack Obama's visit to Lawrence, Kansas. Officer Kern was preparing for a special assignment as part of the Presidential escort.

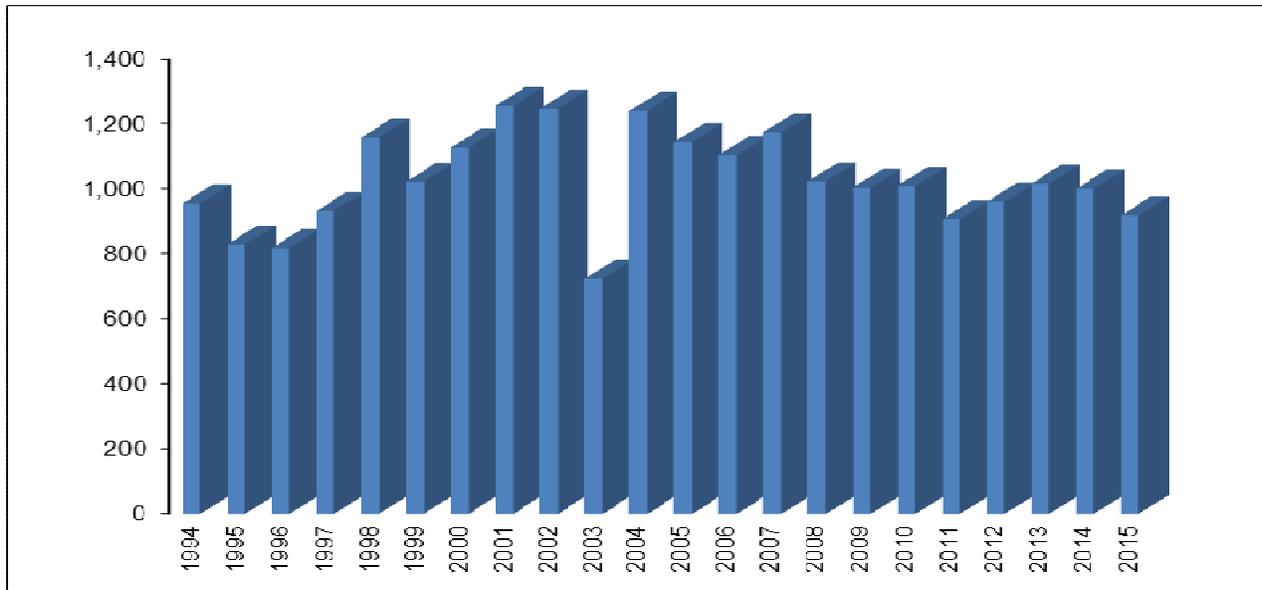
Officer Kern had served with the Olathe Police Department for 13 years. Prior to Olathe he served three years with the Cass County, Mo. Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and twin brother.

Officers Killed in the Line of Duty—State of Kansas

| Year | Killed | Year | Killed | Year | Killed |
|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| 1995 | 5 | 2002 | 0 | 2009 | 1 |
| 1996 | 1 | 2003 | 1 | 2010 | 2 |
| 1997 | 1 | 2004 | 0 | 2011 | 1 |
| 1998 | 2 | 2005 | 2 | 2012 | 2 |
| 1999 | 1 | 2006 | 2 | 2013 | 0 |
| 2000 | 4 | 2007 | 1 | 2014 | 1 |
| 2001 | 1 | 2008 | 0 | 2015 | 1 |



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSAULTED TREND 1994-2015



| Year Reported | LEO Assaults | Percent of Change |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1994 | 956 | |
| 1995 | 830 | -13.2% |
| 1996 | 819 | -1.3% |
| 1997 | 933 | 13.9% |
| 1998 | 1,159 | 24.2% |
| 1999 | 1,023 | -11.7% |
| 2000 | 1,128 | 10.3% |
| 2001 | 1,257 | 11.4% |
| 2002 | 1,248 | -0.7% |
| 2003 | 724 | -42.0% |
| 2004 | 1,241 | 71.4% |
| 2005 | 1,145 | -7.7% |
| 2006 | 1,105 | -3.5% |
| 2007 | 1,175 | 6.3% |
| 2008 | 1,024 | -12.9% |
| 2009 | 1,004 | -2.0% |
| 2010 | 1,010 | 0.6% |
| 2011 | 907 | -10.2% |
| 2012 | 964 | 6.3% |
| 2013 | 1,017 | 5.5% |
| 2014 | 1,001 | -1.6% |
| 2015 | 919 | -8.2% |

- Assaults on law enforcement officers have remained relatively consistent since 1994.
- Anomalies in 2003 data appear to be the result of low numbers reported by Wichita PD. When using their average the total remains close to 1,000

The data contained within this table reflect only the assaults submitted by local agencies through the Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted report.

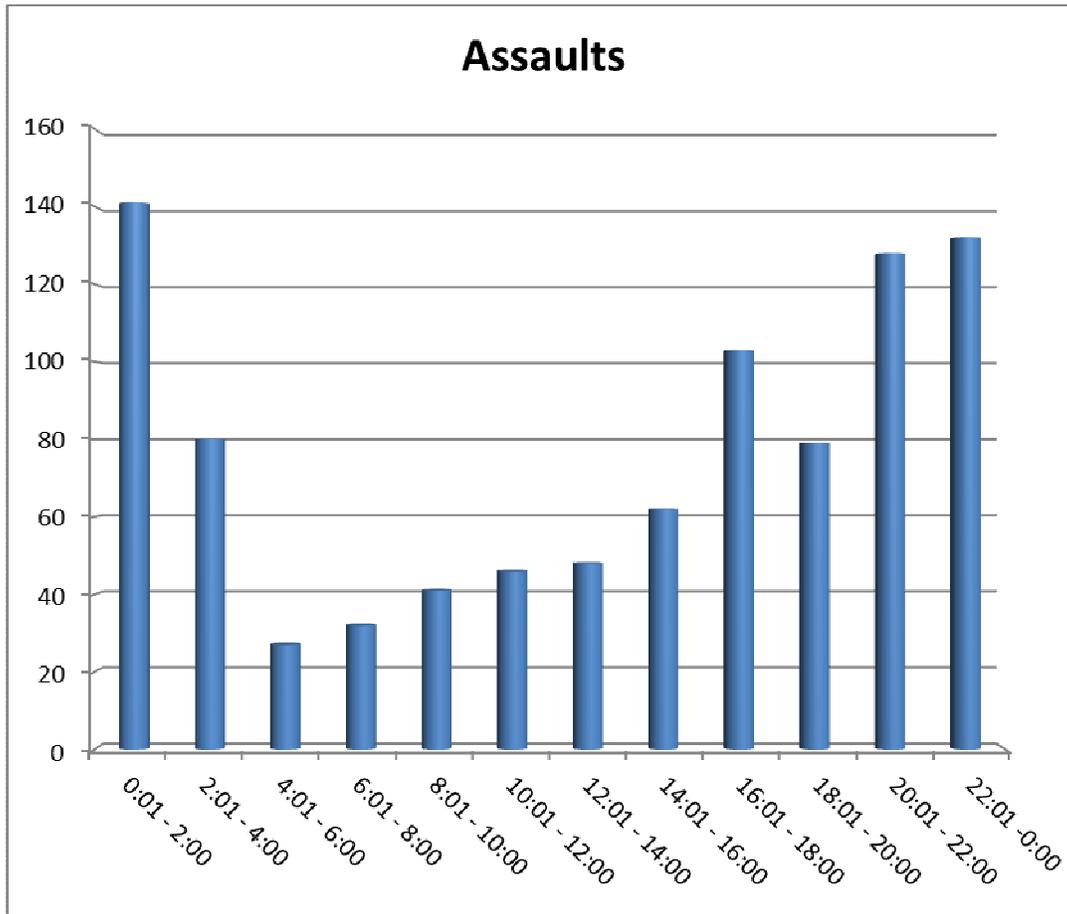
**ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
ASSIGNMENT BY CIRCUMSTANCE
ASSAULTS CLEARED
2015**

| Circumstance | Two Person | One Person Vehicle | | Detective | | Other | |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Vehicle | Alone | Assisted | Alone | Assisted | Alone | Assisted |
| Disturbance | 41 | 50 | 270 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 17 |
| Burglary | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other Arrest | 4 | 20 | 44 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Civil Disorder | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Prisoners | 2 | 23 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 22 |
| Suspicious | 9 | 27 | 37 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Ambush | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mentally Disturbed | 4 | 7 | 45 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Traffic Stop | 7 | 45 | 57 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| All Other | 9 | 21 | 49 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| Total | 76 | 196 | 529 | 6 | 12 | 32 | 68 |

| Circumstance | Total | Assaults | Percent | Circumstance | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Assaults | Cleared | Cleared | | Cleared | Cleared | Cleared |
| Disturbance | 390 | 335 | 85.9% | Disturbance | 85.9% | 42.7% | 63.1% |
| Burglary | 8 | 8 | 100.0% | Burglary | 100.0% | 40.0% | 44.4% |
| Robbery | 7 | 7 | 100.0% | Robbery | 100.0% | 50.0% | 22.2% |
| Other Arrest | 79 | 64 | 81.0% | Other Arrest | 81.0% | 64.9% | 45.0% |
| Civil Disorder | 6 | 4 | 66.7% | Civil Disorder | 66.7% | 100.0% | 66.7% |
| Prisoners | 71 | 36 | 50.7% | Prisoners | 50.7% | 18.5% | 28.7% |
| Suspicious | 78 | 65 | 83.3% | Suspicious | 83.3% | 41.7% | 47.1% |
| Ambush | 1 | 1 | 100.0% | Ambush | 100.0% | 37.5% | 0.0% |
| Mentally Disturbed | 73 | 62 | 84.9% | Mentally Disturbed | 84.9% | 36.1% | 46.5% |
| Traffic Stop | 115 | 83 | 72.2% | Traffic Stop | 72.2% | 47.2% | 53.4% |
| All Other | 91 | 77 | 84.6% | All Other | 84.6% | 51.7% | 77.5% |
| Total | 919 | 742 | 80.7% | Total | 80.7% | 42.9% | 53.1% |

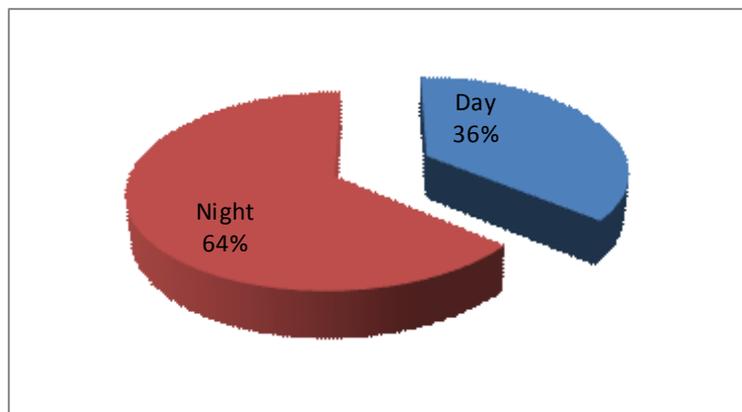
Law enforcement agencies can clear offenses by arrest or exceptional means (i.e., when they can identify the perpetrator but are unable to make an arrest due to circumstances beyond their control, such as the death or suicide of the subject).

ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TREND 2015



Day vs. Night Assaults on Law Enforcement Officers

| TIME | Assaults |
|---------------|------------|
| 0:01 - 2:00 | 141 |
| 2:01 - 4:00 | 80 |
| 4:01 - 6:00 | 27 |
| 6:01 - 8:00 | 32 |
| 8:01 - 10:00 | 41 |
| 10:01 - 12:00 | 46 |
| 12:01 - 14:00 | 48 |
| 14:01 - 16:00 | 62 |
| 16:01 - 18:00 | 103 |
| 18:01 - 20:00 | 79 |
| 20:01 - 22:00 | 128 |
| 22:01 - 0:00 | 132 |
| Total | 919 |

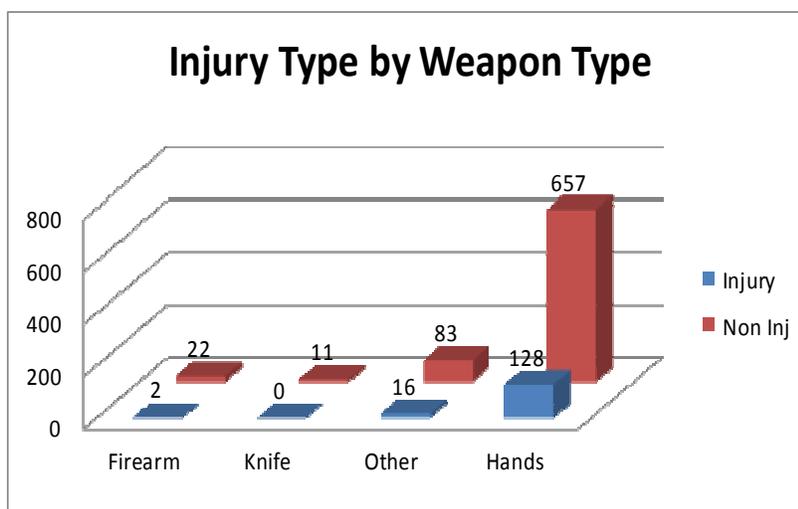


Day = 06:01-18:00

Night= 18:01-06:01

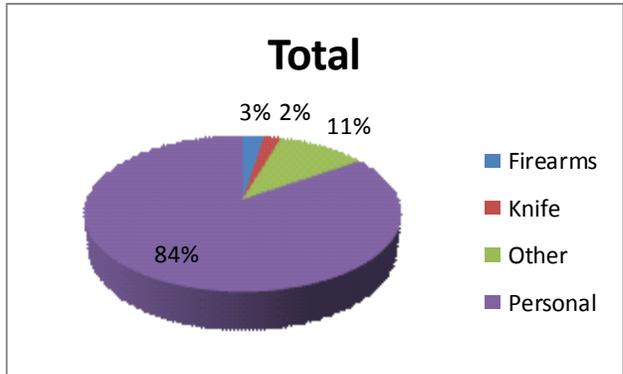
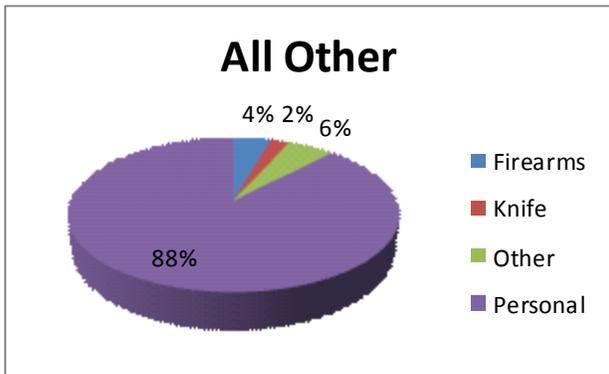
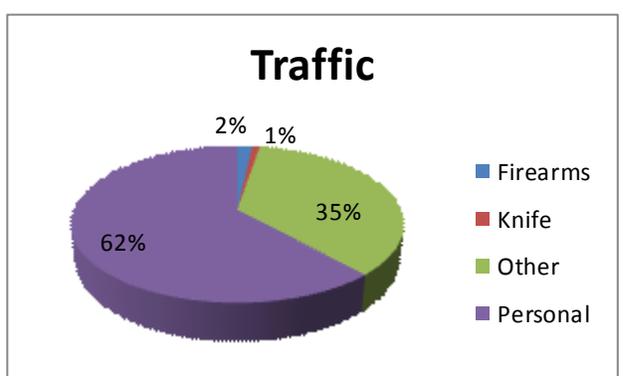
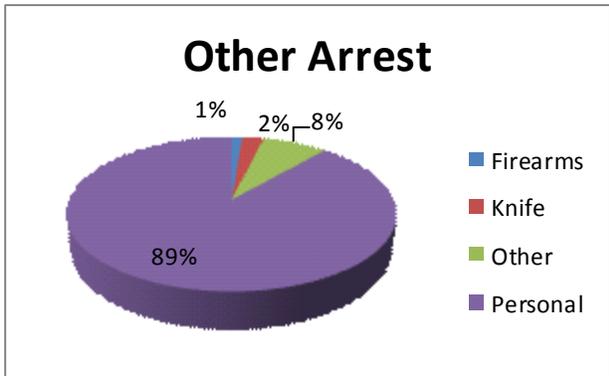
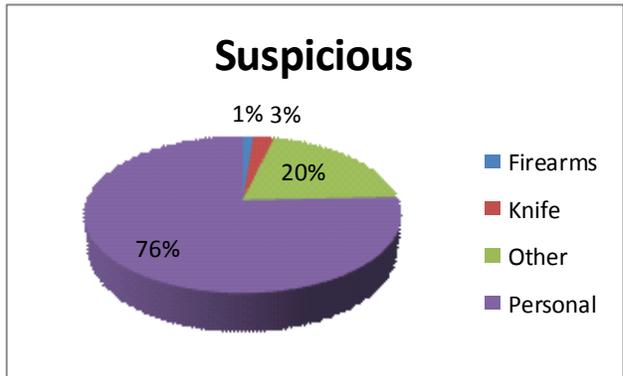
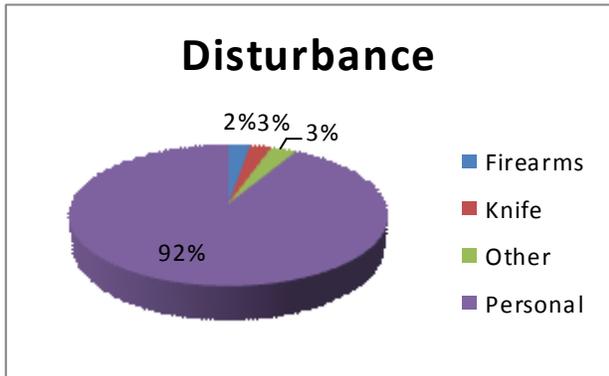
ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OCCURENCE OF INJURY BY WEAPON 2015

| Weapon | Injury | No Injury | Total |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Firearms | 2 | 22 | 24 |
| Knife | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| Other | 16 | 83 | 99 |
| Personal (Hands, Fists, Feet) | 128 | 657 | 785 |
| | | | |
| Total | 146 | 773 | 919 |



ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEAPON USE BY CIRCUMSTANCE 2015

| Circumstance | Firearms | Knife | Other | Personal | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Disturbance | 10 | 10 | 12 | 358 | 390 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Robbery | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Other Arrest | 1 | 2 | 6 | 70 | 79 |
| Civil Disorder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Prisoners | 2 | 1 | 9 | 59 | 71 |
| Suspicious | 1 | 2 | 16 | 59 | 78 |
| Ambush | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mentally Disturbed | 0 | 1 | 9 | 63 | 73 |
| Traffic Stop | 2 | 1 | 41 | 71 | 115 |
| All Other | 4 | 2 | 5 | 80 | 91 |
| Totals | 24 | 19 | 100 | 776 | 919 |



**ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
WEAPON USE BY CIRCUMSTANCE (continued)
2015**

| Circumstance | Firearms | Knife | Other | Personal | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Disturbance | 10 | 10 | 12 | 358 | 390 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
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